

WIA Guidance Memo # 80

TO: Local Workforce Investment Area Directors

FROM: Susan Craft, Commissioner
Department for Training and ReEmployment

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SUBJECT: Initial Eligibility Waiver – Status Update

On February 5, 2004, the Commonwealth of Kentucky requested an extension to the period of initial eligibility of training providers through June 30, 2004. The Department for Training and ReEmployment submitted this formal request due to the fact that the original waiver expired on December 31, 2003. In lieu of knowing the status of WIA Reauthorization, DTR issued this request to protect current ETPL procedures. Discussion regarding possible WIA Reauthorization made the June 30, 2004 date and advisable and realistic time frame. However, since DTR had not yet received a response to this request, LWIAs were instructed to pursue subsequent eligibility data collection (Guidance Memo #78, February 11, 2004).

Attached, please find a copy of Kentucky's approved waiver request to extend the period of initial eligibility of training providers. The Department for Training and ReEmployment received this affirmative response, via fax, on May 12, 2004. The U.S. Department of Labor granted the requested extension through June 30, 2005. While DTR awaited a response from USDOL, a number of local workforce investment areas have made significant policy decisions regarding the collection subsequent eligibility applications and performance data. DTR stands behind its original policy guidance encouraging LWIAs to develop their own policies and methodology for collecting subsequent eligibility applications and performance data. DTR will utilize the flexibility provided by the aforementioned waiver to develop a data collection method to capture the additional four (4) measures of WIA participant performance.

Please forward this information to the ETPL staff person in your LWIA. An electronic version of this Guidance Memorandum will follow this issuance.

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